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Local members with no particular enthusiasm for such dinners cannot be blamed for thinking that to be expected to pay \$1.50 to \$3.00 for a 50c meal is straining their loyalty. Also, no matter how hard the committee, caterer, hotel, etc., strive to please, a large number of ticket holders are extremely critical of the "vittles" supplied, and no matter what is served it runs a gauntlet of hostile critics.

Since most stamp collectors purchases are small sums in comparison with other hobbies, to pay \$1.50 to \$3.00—or double that if the wife goes—represents a sizeable dent in the stamp budget. Consequently many stay away on that account, and cannot be blamed for doing so. But when these folk stay away the average collector is not represented at the table.

Then there is entertainment. Wives and other unconverted are bored if it is something seriously philatelic, such as a spe ch. Consequently entertainment must be of a general nature and must match in quality similar material at other banquets, and stamp clubs operating on smaller budgets than most clubs, the matter of expense for entertainment is a serious burden. Would not the same amount of time, money and effort work wonders if employed in numerous small ways to add to the success of exhibition and bourse or late evening informal entertainment?

Of course there are banquets and banquets; some being practically what might be termed "institutions" and not lightly to be discarded. But we are convinced a survey of attendance will sustain our belief that in most instances a banquet is not necessary to a successful meeting. Our precancel columnist the other week expressed it one way when he said in speaking of a meeting, "Those who were there were not nearly so important as the stamps that were there."

—R. R.

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## French Equatorial Africa

By BEN HAMILTON, JR.

RECENTLY a little-known part of Africa gained prominence in the newspapers of the world. French Equatorial Africa, with few exceptions, had declared itself ready to support General de Gaulle. Even to stamp collectors this vast piece of the dark continent has been rather obscure in actuality. To them this colony has simply been a mass of confusion, issuing seemingly extraneous stamps. Actually the history of this great area is very interesting and a colorful chapter in the expansion of the French colonial empire in Central Africa.

It is the purpose of this article to explain the highlights in the development of French Equatorial Africa as explained by the issues of that colony and the sections which preceded the present-day federation.

Often the stamps of French colonies are overlooked because they are gaudy and seem to be unduly speculative. Thus in passing up such issues the serious student skips several virgin fields rich in nuggets of worthwhile philatelic information. May the following sketches serve as partial proof, at least, of this.

It is to Count Louis-Edward Bouet-Willaumez (1808-1871) that France owes much for discovering Gabon in 1838. This French naval officer had received his African baptism in the participation of the sacking of Algiers, for he held an important rank in the French naval detachment that bombarded the Algerian capital in 1830. The following year Bouet-Willaumez was sent to Senegal. During the next nine years he made several explorations up and down the West African coast. Thus it was this patriotic explorer, depicted, with his ship *La Malouine*, on French Equatorial African stamps of type A7, who established a small French settlement at the mouth of the Gabon estuary.

From 1838 until 1860 Gabon was attached to Senegal for administrative purposes. Then for 23 years the small colony of Gabon was administered by a special naval commander. Politically, then, Gabon was similar to the politico-administrative status granted Guam.

In 1881 a great French explorer and contemporary of the famous Stanley came upon the Gabonese scene. This was Savorgnan de Brazza (1852-1905), shown French Equatorial Africa A3 and Gabon A17 and D4. During the next five years de Brazza conducted extensive explora-

tions of the mighty Ogowe River (shown on Gabon A16), and opened up large new sections of the hinterland to colonization.

Renewed interest in Gabon and the discoveries made by de Brazza excited adventurous souls from many parts of Europe. Rivalry for sharing the Gabonese spoils heightened. However, de



The issues of the huge French colony exceed in number all other colonies.

Brazza succeeded in making treaties with Makoko (cf. Gabon D3) during the early 80's of the last century which ceded large areas to the French.

In 1886 Gabon was placed under the administration of a lieutenant-governor who was responsible to the governor-general of French West Africa. That same year a special postal system for Gabon was established, and thus the first Gabonese postage stamps appeared in 1886. These consisted of current French Colonies stamps appropriately surcharged (see Gabon Nos. 1-5).

Later in 1886 de Brazza made other explorations south of Gabon and gained territories for the French along the Congo river. These were given the name French Congo. In 1891 French Congo and Gabon were united into one colony, and in that year Gabonese stamps ceased

existing. That year French Colonies stamps were surcharged for use in French Congo, but the stamps were not used only in the regions near the Congo but in the former colony of Gabon, as well.

During the years 1888-1891 the French became interested in expanding their possessions toward the Nile. Paul Crampel (1864-1891) was one of the pioneers in French advances in the areas surrounding Lake Chad. The Moslem natives of the native sultanates bordering on the great lake were very hostile. They were tenaciously so. Crampel lost his life at El-Kouti, in the Chad zone, in 1891 while his forces tried to crush those of the native sultan. This noted French African explorer is shown on French Equatorial African stamps of type A5.

Crampel's campaigns were the forerunners of more extensive and vital explorations conducted by Fourreau, Lamy, Jouillard, Liotard, Archambault, and Gentil. The activities of these men made it possible for the French to attach large tracts of the present-day territory of Ubangi-Shari to French Congo in 1894, and large bits of Chad during the first few years after the turn of the century.

Of the names mentioned above, all have those of Jouillard and Liotard have been perpetuated by having their names given to towns in Cameroun and French Equatorial Africa. Fort-Fourreau, northern most post office in Cameroun and known as Kousseri until after the World War, was named after Fourreau because it was there he died while trying to gain new lands for France. Lamy gave his name to the capital of the Chad district, i. e. Fort Lamy. Fort Archambault in Ubangi-Shari and Port Gentil in Gabon were named after those two great French explorers. Thus by means of postmarks from those places one can have interesting philatelic souvenirs of those days when France was extending its dominion in Equatorial Africa.

Liotard and Gentil, mentioned above, have been honored by having their pictures placed on stamps. Little seems to be recorded about Liotard, who appears on French Equatorial African stamps of type A6. Liotard was named governor of the Ubangi holdings in 1896 and served until 1902 when he was replaced by Emile Gentil.

Geographic science owes much to Gentil, who opened up intriguing lands in the Lake Chad region. Emile Gentil (1866-1914), shown on French Equatorial



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African stamps of type A4 and on Ubangi D4, worked as a young man under de Brazza c. 1890-1892 in Gabon. From 1900-1902 Gentil conducted several explorations on Lake Chad, and in 1903 operated the first steamboat on the lake.

In recognition of his bringing such large areas of the Chad zone under French military control, Gentil became administrator-in-chief of the Chad-Ubangi territory.

In 1903 the vast holdings then making up French Congo required being converted into autonomous districts in order to ease the task of pacifying the outlying and partially subjugated zones. Thus Gabon again began having its own postal service and stamps in 1904 (cf. Gabon Nos. 16-32). Between 1903 and 1910 the titles and duties of the administrative officers of the various districts of French Congo were frequently changed without altering the political status of the places concerned.

French Congo, in order to avoid confusing the district with the colony, was changed to the name of Middle Congo in 1906. The following year new stamps, in the designs of the 1900 French Congo items (cf. French Congo A4-A6), with the name Middle Congo in French appeared. These designs (Middle Congo A1-A3) were in use for more than a quarter of a century. They served as the foundations for stamps of Chad and Ubangi, and, during the early military occupation and during the first French mandate, served as the basis for certain Cameroun stamps (cf. Cameroun 116-121, 130-168).

In 1910 the prior autonomous colonies were politically lumped into one unit designated as "French Equatorial Africa." This change has been recorded on Gabonese stamps of types A13-A15. However, the former colonies, now reduced to subordinate districts, still retained administrative autonomy, just as they do, to a lesser degree, today.

Until 1915 Ubangi-Shari, and the dependency of Chad, had been a combined civil district and military protectorate. In that year the whole region, with the exception of the desert regions of Tibesti and Wadai, was consolidated into one civilian administrative sub-unit. A special postal administration for the area was set up in 1915, too, and this event has been philatelically recorded by the emission of Middle Congo stamps overprinted "OUBANGUI-CHARITCHAD" in one and two lines (cf. Ubangi Nos. 1-22).

During the last years of the war in Europe revolts flared up in northern Chad near the Libyan frontier. But in 1922 Chad seemed to be completely pacified and so in that year it was separated from Ubangi and made a distinct civilian autonomous district. This act has been recorded by the issuance of stamps in the designs of Middle Congo A1-A3 overprinted TCHAD in large bold face.

Beginning in 1924 the stamps of Chad, Gabon, Middle Congo, and Ubangi were overprinted "AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE" in two or three lines to signify more clearly the fact that these individual administrative units were actually parts of the one political

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## New French Africa Issue

It is reported from Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, that upon the arrival of General de Gaulle, all 39 postage and airmail stamps of the colony were overprinted "AFRIQUE FRANCAISE LIBRE" (Free French Africa), says London's *Stamp Collecting*. This is apparently the series reported vaguely in other news broadcasts.

## Stamp Club Activities

**Albany, N. Y.**—The Women's Seal and Stamp Club has resumed meetings at the Albany Historical and Art Society on the first Friday of each month. Mrs. Raoul Baron, 4 Oak St., is publicity chairman and will supply information to women interested in attending. They plan a Christmas Party; also an Open House Party in January which will be open to men collectors as well. The club was formerly known as the Helping Hand Seal and Stamp Club and devotes much effort to assisting junior clubs.

**Buffalo, N. Y.**—The Buffalo Stamp Club, A.P.S. Chapter 37, meets each Friday evening at 7:30 P. M. at Hotel Statler. Robert H. Zahm, 134 W. Eagle St., is Secretary-Treasurer. Visitors no doubt will find a welcome at their meetings.

**Detroit, Mich.**—The Wayne Stamp Society will hold their exhibition, Thursday, Jan. 30 at the St. Clair Community Center, 4535 Fairview, Detroit in conjunction with their annual Open House.

**Huntington, W. Va.**—A membership campaign by the Tri-State Philatelic Society is being conducted through the radio program "Stamps and Stories" which is heard over station WSAZ each Thursday at 5:15 p. m. The program is sponsored by the Super Stamp Service of that city. Paul Oetjen, manager of this firm recently had a display of seven frames in a local bank lobby which also attracted much interest.

**International Postal Slogan Society**—This five year old club has just elected officers for the coming year. Paul Bergeron, Houma, La., is Secretary-Treasurer, and will gladly supply information. Kenneth N. Rinker, Greensburg, Ind. is the new President. Dues are 25c per year.

**Portland, Ore.**—The Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs recently elected officers for the coming year. The fifth annual exhibition and bourse will be held at Portland in June with Oregon Stamp Society as host. Clubs from British Columbia will also participate. The clubs plan to shower stamps on collectors in six hospitals during the holidays. Time of meetings is not stated, but locally interested collectors can contact the Chairman of Publicity, Agnes Basler, 2207 N. E. 15th Ave., Portland.

**Santa Rosa, Calif.**—Meetings of the Sonoma County Philatelic Society are now being held at the Santa Rosa Hotel and commencing with the meeting of December 6th will be on first and third Friday evenings.

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normal except that attached along right margin was a strip of blank paper about 7 mm. wide, the strip being perforated on all sides. If our puzzled reader will refer to the article on Rotary Press Plate layouts in the October 5th LINN'S he will find this explained at the foot of the third column on page 771. The strip of paper is the full gutter between panes. If the sheet of 400 has been correctly cut into four panes, only half this gutter would have been attached. The perforations on right margin of the gutter strip are the perforations at left side of the stamp in the adjoining pane. Not infrequently in post offices, incorrectly cut panes are found having not only the full gutter as the case with the above copy, but also a portion of a stamp in the adjoining pane. Unless a large portion is attached, collectors as a rule place little extra value on such varieties, as they are fairly common. Stamps like the one our reader submits are termed "gutter smipes."

"What Latin-American countries have philatelic agencies?" We have from time to time noted these in our columns, but restrictions change from year to year. At the present time Guatemala is probably the only country conducting an Agency just like that at Washington. Its address is Guatemala, C. A., and a request to the "Ministerio de Comunicaciones" will bring a list. Mexico's Philatelic Agency is simply a government venture in stamp dealing, stamps being sold at prices supposedly their current market value. Peru, at the "Museo Postal y Filatelico" at Lima will sell complete sets of current series. Brazil refuses foreign orders. Nicaragua at last reports sells stamps by mail. Currency and exchange difficulties; failure of collectors to write in Spanish; scarcity of clerks familiar with philatelic terms and requirements; and sell-outs of short issues have all combined to make most of the countries somewhat shy of conducting a mail order trade in stamps. They have found it a source of much trouble, and the profits, despite all that has been said, are not very large compared with other and easier sources of government revenue. We have never advocated the sending of stamp orders to foreign governments and as a result have been accused of favoring the dealer advertisers. Stamp papers actually obtain little advertising revenue of current issues. Our objection is that the stamps obtained frequently cost more than if bought at a stamp dealer's (and since it is the dealer's advertising revenue that makes stamp papers possible, they deserve all the patronage collectors can give them. The various governments do not provide any particular support of the papers and furthermore why should they in any way

be encouraged to go after philatelic revenue?); the stamps usually obtained from foreign governments are not as fine in condition as the selected copies obtainable at a dealer, consequently philately has added to its "inventory" a large quantity of second rate copies; bickering with government officials as a result of supposedly slow or otherwise poor service antagonizes those persons in respect to philately and defeats the efforts of years to educate them to a friendly and sympathetic attitude; and finally we should not overlook the effect on some collectors who, thinking they have been swindled, roundly accuse the whole hobby of being a racket. Few collectors seem to realize that it takes weeks or months for a round trip letter to a foreign office, and consequently hasty charges concerning the honesty of these officials are frequently made without the slightest excuse. So we say NO. If you can't step up in person to buy your stamps at a stamp window, then buy them from your dealer. What if a set does cost a nickel more? Isn't it worth a nickel to see what you are getting and save long and troublesome delay in getting the stamps? As a matter of fact, it's not unusual for an issue to cost less at a dealer's than it does when bought direct from a country.

• H. M. Barkow, Brodhead, Wisc., reports his New Caledonia clipper covers came back franked with 11 francs and 19.50 francs respectively in postage. It now seems conclusive that little attempt was made to affix correct postage at this point, and that covers with odd franking are not unusual.

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A LETTER FROM R. R. WRIGHT, Sr., Philadelphia, tells that since 1911 he has sought a stamp honoring the Negro and that the 13th Amendment stamp was the final result of those efforts. He also says "there was no 'politics' in it."

IF AN OCCUPATION SERIES DOES appear from Greece, philately will have a lot of suspicions to be allayed, for it hardly seems possible that Il Duce's postal agents were in the country long enough to function.

EVER READ THE BIOGRAPHY OF a Fourth Assistant Postmaster General? You'll find one in the Nov. 23 *Saturday Evening Post*. Can you name him? He's the one who achieved a brief burst of fame by supplying new pens to post office lobbies.

MOST OF US HOPE TO FIND ONE attic with a trunk full of stamps, but that recent Michigan find of three attics crammed with covers no doubt takes the all time prize.

THEY DO THINGS IN A LEISURELY manner in the tropics, and we were not too surprised at Cuba's offering to supply its new stamps a full week in advance of the "first day" so that all might have plenty of time to prepare their covers. We wonder how U. S. first day cover dealers would like that?

KING GEORGE VI has appeared in some strange company on stamp designs but the Pitcairn set tops others. A king sharing postal portraits with mineers! Captain Bligh—on the stamp at least—has none of the Laugh-tonish characteristics Hollywood gave him.

A FORMER STREET CAR CONDUCTOR of Minneapolis and Chicago will be depicted on a new Norwegian series, says the *New York Times*. Knut Ham-sun gained renown in his own country for producing novels, but in this country street car conductors are now scarcer than novelists.

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It should not be necessary to mention that new supplies from every one of these countries, except possibly—if one is lucky—Sweden and Finland, are completely shut off now and, though we all hope peace may soon dawn upon war torn Europe, the outlook right now is not very bright. At best, normal business relations are a long way off, and here is a tip. Already now my correspondents over there tell me that exports to Germany are fast absorbing existing stamp stocks in the invaded countries and that prices therefore are being adjusted to the inflated German stamp market, which means that they are rising rapidly. So act accordingly in buying your stamps, especially the better grade recent issues and, of course, in buying your mixtures.

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• On Dec. 31 the post offices at Spring-creek, Va., Port Royal, Tenn., Zeus, Va., Leonard, Colo., Clegg, Texas, Parcer-due, La., and Nathan, Mich. will close.

• The marking "Purifie a Toulon" found on early covers addressed to France or routed through the Mediterranean port indicate the mail passed through a sanitary inspection and presumably fumiga-tion.

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## French Equatorial Africa

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unit called French Equatorial Africa. This status continued until 1934.

Prior to 1934 the French Equatorial African federation had been only a political union in name. Administratively the different sub-colonies had large degrees of self-government, just as do the sub-colonies in French West Africa. In those days the individual sub-colonies of French Equatorial Africa had their own judiciary systems, their own postal and telegraphic administrations, etc.

Thus the fusion of the four sub-colonies into one gigantic administrative unit was of greater importance than the mere titular political union of 1910. The merging of various governmental departments of the sub-colonies proceeded slowly after the 1934 amalgamation, and so it was not until 1936 that the separate postal systems were united into one.

Large stocks of Middle Congo and Gabonese stamps were on hand, and so various, but non-duplicating, values of the 1932-33 series of Gabon and Middle Congo were overprinted "AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE FRANCAISE" prominently (cf. French Equatorial Africa Nos. 1-26) and had the names of the sub-colonies obliterated by bars. The following year the current pictorial series of the united colony appeared.

The present administrative hierarchy of French Equatorial Africa is this:

The entire colony is under a governor-general, who functions like the British representative in Canada (the Canadian governor-general). Middle Congo is under the administration of a governor, who is the governor-general's secretary. The administrator of Middle Congo is appointed by decree authorized by the colonial legislature. In that way the Middle Congo governor corresponds to one or the other of the two commissioners selected by the American Senate to govern the District of Columbia. The governor of Middle Congo and the colonial governor-general reside at Brazzaville, since that is the capital of both.

Gabon is under the jurisdiction of an administrator-in-chief, who, as in former

times, is often a naval officer, although not always. The head of Gabon is appointed by the Minister of Colonies at Paris, and corresponds to the naval governor of Guam in function. The Gabonese administrator-in-chief resides at Libreville, the sub-colonial capital.

Ubangi has a governor at its head who is responsible directly to the Minister of Colonies in Paris. Frequently, but not always, the Ubangi governor is an army official, and in this way the duties and function of the governor here is similar to that of the governor of the Canal Zone in Panama. The administrative head of Ubangi resides at the capital, Bangui, on the Ubangi River.

Chad is presided over by a commandant, appointed by decree as is the Middle Congo governor. The commandant of Chad corresponds to the governor of an American dependency like the Virgin Islands, e. g. The actual governmental headquarters of Chad have not been permanently established yet and so the commandant temporarily resides at the provisional capital, Fort Lamy, close to Lake Chad.

So much for the political makeup of French Equatorial Africa. What kind of a country is it? To answer that we must turn to the multitudinous stamps issued for the colony by the French.

Let us consider the geography of the colony first, working from the north then down southward. In the central north-eastern part of Chad one comes across the eastern fringes of the Sahara where rocky masses border the sandy stretches. Here the buildings are of the plain, square type so characteristic of the Moslem inhabitants of the various desert regions. The edifices are built from sun-dried mud made of a clay similar to adobe in composition. The architecture of these structures, as shown in the examples illustrated on French Equatorial African stamps of type A4, is much plainer than that of the Tuaregs and Haussas of French Sudan and southern Algeria, e. g. The style of architecture shown on the stamps just mentioned is Wadaian.

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(California Collectors Club)  
(J. A. Weston)

**CUBA—Commemorative Air Mail.** Honoring the Centenary of the Postage Stamp. Announced in our notes of November 2nd. Large horizontal rectangular format, perf. 10, on paper wmkd. mult. stars:

- 10c. deep yellow brown  
(H. W. K. Irvine)

**Miniature Sheet.** The above stamp has also been issued in a souvenir sheet, 5x7, containing four of the stamps, printed in the same color as above, but imperforate. At the top is the shield of Cuba and appropriate wording. Across the bottom are the dates "1840-1855-1902-1940." The sheet is enclosed in a descriptive folder.  
(Columbus Postage Stamp Company)

**JAPAN — Commemoratives.** Honoring the 2600th Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of Emperor JIN-MU. Both stamps are horizontal rectangular format, perf. 12, unwmkd:

- 2 sen, dark green (Mountains above the Clouds)  
4 sen, ultramarine (Palace)

(Karl Lewis)

**MEXICO—400th Anniversary of the Founding of Campeche Commemorative.** Large square format, photogravure, wmkd. "Correos Mexico," perf. 12x13:

- 10c. bistre-brown & carmine (Coat of Arms)

**Air Post Stamps.** To go with the above. Same wmkd., perf. and format. Also photogravure:

- 20c. red-brown & yellow-brown (Sailing Ship)  
40c. slate-green & black (Castle)

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6c. green  
(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

Change in the postal rates have resulted in the issuing of a new 6c (covering the printed matter rate to foreign countries) and a change in color of the 30c. to blue, the value now required on the standard foreign postage rate.

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(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

**NEW ZEALAND—Semi-Postal Stamps.** 1940 Health Stamps. Both upright rectangular format, perf. 11½; same design as last year's:

SP12—1p. plus ½p. deep green  
SP12—2p. plus 1p. orange-brown

(A. J. Bower)

**NORTHERN RHODESIA—Color Changes.** New colors for two values as noted below:

1½d. orange  
2d. red

(Whitfield, King &amp; Co.)

**PARAGUAY—Dr. Francia Commemorative Issue.** Heralded in our notes of October 5th.

Released September 18th. The low face value of the stamps makes it evident that this set was more for collectors than for actual postage use. This is further proven by the two 50c. values in the same set. Upright rectangular format, unwmkd, perf. 12, engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company:

50c. carmine (Dr. Francia standing)  
50c. plum (Dr. Francia seated in his library)  
1P. emerald green (same as 50c. carmine)  
5P. ultramarine (same as 50c. plum)

(H. G. Spanton)

**Mourning Stamp.** In memory of President Estigarribia and his wife, who met death in an airplane crash. Under-noted stamp overprinted in a heavy black border and the wording "DUELO NACIONAL" printed diagonally across the stamp. New value is underneath the picture:

A76—5P. on 50c. deep orange &amp; black

• The U.S.S. Sabine and U.S.S. Little are new naval vessels to obtain post offices. Submarine Squadron Three was also to obtain postal service in November as a branch of New York.

• The reply half of a double postal card, when mailed in a foreign country, is considered as being fully prepaid, even though it bears the stamp of the country which issued the card.

• The U. S. navy post offices on board the following destroyers were discontinued during September due to transfer of these ships to Great Britain: U.S.S. Buchanan, Hale, Hopewell, Shubrick, Maddox, Swasey, Aaron Ward and Williams.

• The British manufacturers of cellophane have been obliged due to rationing of materials to discontinue supplying this material to English collectors for the purpose of interleaving albums, etc.

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## Cuban Ship Cruise

A transport of the Cuban government will leave in December for a three month cruise to the countries and colonial possessions bordering the Caribbean. Purpose is to carry an Economic Mission and portable exhibit of Cuban products. All ports of Mexico and other countries south as far as Colombia and Venezuela will be visited. A post office will be in operation on board the vessel and covers will be accepted for mailing from the ports of call. Further details are obtainable from the Secretariat of the Inter-American Chamber of Commerce, Zaldo Bldg., Cuba and Obrapia, Havana, Cuba. Special cancels and stamps are promised.

## First Day Calendar

1½c Martha Washington sheet stamps with Electric Eye markings (the addition of these markings on the sheet margins being the only difference) to be issued Jan. 16 at the Philatelic Agency and Washington, D. C., post office. P. O. will not service covers.

## Airport Ceremony Postponed

The second dedication and formal opening of the Washington National Airport, originally scheduled for December 17 has been postponed until next spring, Maurice Petty advises. The P. O. Dept. will have an official cachet for use on air mail covers posted at the opening, and have in addition promised announcement of date in plenty of time for collectors to send in covers. This will be the first official cachet for an airport dedication, though this is the first airport constructed and owned by the federal government. Mr. Petty, Cachet Director, Washington Air Mail Society, 507 Quackenbos St., N. W., Washington, D. C. offers to hold covers for collectors if they desire to avoid waiting until the official announcement.

\* Cuba's new postal tax stamp must be used on each piece of mail during the months of December and January. The funds obtained are used for the same purpose as our Christmas Seals.

## New Stamp May Honor Rogers

A commemorative stamp honoring the memory of Will Rogers, revered American humorist and humanitarian, will likely be issued by the Postoffice Department soon after the new year, its high officials predicted recently. The stamp would be of the three-cent denomination, it was learned, and plans for its issuance have been "virtually approved" by Postmaster General Walker, so said the officials in Washington. Work on the design was understood to be underway.

This disclosure brought to light also the fact that some leaders in Oklahoma have made political capital out of the fact this administration had not earlier moved to honor Rogers in the stamp world. Probably what was meant in this case, was the Famous American series just recently finished. This also, it has been rumored, may be the beginning or part of another Famous American series for 1941.

A heroic statue of Rogers stands in the national capitol, in the corridor leading to the chamber of the House of Representatives. But beyond this, Rogers has not been officially honored by the Roosevelt administration, it was pointed out. Aside from politics, Rogers has been honored via the postage stamp in Latin-American countries.

—Edwin Brooks,  
Stamp and Coin Editor  
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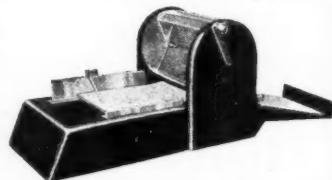
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A small supply of the Netherland surcharges were received in the city. The set has an extremely high face value whether it is figured in German Marks or Dutch Gulden. On what currency basis the set was issued is the chief topic under discussion. Most who have seen the set believe the currency is Dutch Gulden because there is a 2½ and a 12½ surcharge stamps among the set, and Germany never issued a set that had a ½ pfennig.

Thanksgiving week in New York signalled the end of the fall season for the dealers and ushered in the Christmas season. Every dealer in New York is featuring stamps, albums and accessories for Christmas Gifts. Stamps packets and mixtures are put up in very attractive envelopes, bags or boxes. Special combinations featuring albums with stamps are wrapped up in a very attractive fashion. Items such as above can be seen in the largest Department Stores and the smallest stamp shops in the city.

This week the first part of the stock of the Nassau Stamp Company which was purchased by Harmer, Rooke goes up for sale. The sale will be attended by many dealers who are hopeful of filling depleted stocks. The crowd at auctions today consists mainly of wholesalers and dealers. It is said by many that the wholesalers now are doing more business among themselves than ever before. In many instances the Barter system has returned.

Well the federal authorities turned up on a Nassau stamp dealer and found plates for overprinting the Hawaii and Kansas-Nebraska issues. The dealers held for Grand Jury, are Albert Rabowitz and Emmanuel Bondell, who is also known as Rothstein. According to the Assistant United States Attorney many thousands of these fraudulently overprinted stamps had been seized in the defendant's place of business.

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### Ohlman's New Offices

M. Ohlman, the auction specialist, who has made 116 Nassau St., New York an address as well known as any in philately, has taken larger and better suited quarters in that building in rooms 704-705. The new auction gallery can comfortably accommodate 135 people and avoid the crowding which was necessary prior to the move. With large windows overlooking downtown Manhattan it permits the examination of stamps in daylight.

### Auction Calendar

Dec. 19—U. S. and Foreign, balance Hardenberg collection. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

March 29—At ATEX exhibition, Atlantic City. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

- The significance of the oranges on the Pitcairn stamps is that this fruit is the chief crop of the Island and around 2,000 crates are exported annually to New Zealand.

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**WHAT TO GET FOR CHRISTMAS?** Something nice—something he or she will cherish. But not too expensive. Suggestion: a subscription to our FDC service. Bicolor cachet or finest engraved, 5¢ and 8¢ over face respectively (singles or blocks). A 1¢ that's necessary is a \$1.00 deposit. And—if received by December 19th—service starts with a surprise Christmas "extra." Fireside Shop, Box 14-B, South Station, Yonkers, N. Y. (\*)

**FAMOUS AMERICANS.** Complete set of 35 first day covers, on beautifully matched cachet-craft envelopes. Every envelope different. While they last only \$3.50. Any other 1940 U.S. cover 10¢. Fred Young, 26 Mondamin Ct., Somerville, Mass.

**FIRST DAYS 8¢:** Famous Americans. Presidentials, others. Foreign 7¢. Airm. Reservations, Postage. Buckeye, Box 102, W. Toledo, O. (33)

## APPROVALS — FOREIGN

**BOLD, BARE, BUXOM** Duchess features on Goya Nude set of Spain, 25¢ to approval. Applicants. R. E. Jewells, Tamaqua, Penna. (11\*)

**FINE ONE CENT** approvals by *Postage*, better grade and U. S. G. *Postage*, Sau, Wis.

**SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK** *Postage*, approvals against references. R. Remelin, 380 Irwin Lane, Santa Rosa, California. (34)

**"PLEASING APPROVALS"** are Stamps of Distinction. Real bargains for collectors. 1 cent to 10 cents each. National Stamp Service, 42 Howard Street, Lowell, Mass. (36)

**HARD-TO-GET STAMPS** 4¢ Cat. Many bargains. Brown, 333-2nd Ave., Lyndhurst, N. J. (11\*)

**BRITISH COLONIAL PACKET**—25 different colonies represented, only 3¢. Request approvals. Neblock, 311 S. Vermillion, Streator, Illinois. (33)

**CUT-RATE APPROVAL SERVICE:** established 30 years. 1¢ and 2¢ booklets or medium priced. All ground in countries as you want them. You can't do better anywhere. We pay freight both ways. J. J. Richardson, Pinellas Park, Florida (11\*)

**UNITED STATES** 1¢ and 3¢ postage due stamps only 1¢. *Postage*! Tonga and list free! John M. *Postage*, Box 97, Toms River, New Jersey (34)

**SILVER JUBILEE** for approval applicants. 4 vals. used 5¢. *Postage* Stamp Shop, 3406-14th St., N.W., Washington D. C. (34)

**DE LUXE APPROVAL BOOKS** by countries at reasonable prices. Stamps 1¢ to 5¢. References appreciated. Tonka Specialty Co., Box 157, Fort Wayne, Indiana. (e.o.v.42\*)

**ADVANCED COLLECTORS**—Better singles and complete mint sets on approval. 25¢ discount on first purchase. Howe, 3525 Larkspur, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**THIRTY DIFFERENT** including four Mozambique Co. triangles, free hinges and tongs 5¢. Tunis & Carpenter, 54B Wakenan Ave., Newark, New Jersey. (32-46)

**PICTORIALS ON APPROVAL.** Specially selected foreign for the general collector. Priced right. May we help you? Reference please. Farlow Hill Stamp Co., 226 Park St., Newton, Mass. (33)

**BRITISH WEST INDIES**—List free. Ed Bowie, St. George's, Bermuda. (11\*)

## APPROVALS — U. S.

**U. S. REVENUES** on approval. Kaye, 78 Beaumont, Springfield, Mass. (36)

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

**5 COMPLETE SHEETS** (500) Christmas Seals, different years, 25c. 15 diff. singles 15c. 12 diff. blocks 20c. Hawkeye Stamp Co., Cedar Rapids, 9, Iowa. (36)

## EXCHANGE

**EXCHANGE YOUR DUPLICATES.** We also buy. Offers solicited. H. B. Bliven, Sugar Loaf, N. Y. (32)

**WANT EXCHANGE** with collectors only. Basis Scott's *Postage*. No dealers. R. E. Gerspacher 155 *Postage*, Terrace, Kenmore, N. Y. (33)

**WILL SWAP STAMPS** for Philatelic Society stickers, labels, seals or stamps. Send me what you have and tell me what kind of stamps will interest you. Geo. W. Linn, 531 N. E. 1st St. Columbus, Ohio. (11\*)

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SWAP** stamps with the people of Madagascar, Iraq, Fiji Islands, etc.? If so, send me 5 magazines or newspapers (any kind) and I will send you my list. If you have no magazines, 100 mixed stamps (no junk) will be accepted. Elvin Person, Esther Alberta, Canada.

**BUY, SELL AND TRADE.** We buy, sell and trade U.S. and foreign stamps on or off envelopes. Write. Thrifty Stamp Exchange, 113 South Paul Street, Springfield, Illinois.

## FOR SALE — FOREIGN

**509 DIFFERENT** 50c. Want lists filled. Overbeck, Freeport, New York. (11\*)

**259 UNSORTED** Newfoundland and Canada 25c. Rare value. Marigold Stamps, Toronto, Canada.

**WHY DON'T YOU GIVE STAMPS** for Christmas? Send stamp for our latest list, and we invite your consideration to the following: Argentine Republic, 30c. 50c. 1P. 1.25P. and 2.50P., five handsome new airmails, mint 32. Bulgaria, 1938, National Products, 20 mint stamps, 95c. Stamps depicting natives and scenes, Liberia, 1918, 1c. to 5fr. (13) used, \$1. Overprints "1921", 1c. to 5fr. (14) used 75c. Dominican Republic, new airmails, 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 50c. Columbus Lighthouse, mint (5) \$1.80. Mexico—5 postage, 5 airmails, Centenary Postage, mint (10), \$5.50. Our object is to please you with desirable merchandise at fair prices which will make you a regular customer. Postage extra under \$1, please. Calbridge Company, 512 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. (11\*)

**URUGUAY**—25 different 12c; 50 different 42c; 100 different 72c. Postage extra, no approvals. Stamp Fair, 3042-L Tioga Parkway, Baltimore, Maryland.

**DOMINICAN 100 MIXED** (over 40 diff.) \$1.00; \$1.00—\$7.50. Same slightly damaged \$5.00. Want lists filled. 150 diff. \$4.50. Dominican Stampco., Trujillo City, Conde 38.

## FOR SALE — U. S.

**SEVERAL U. S. BLOCKS.** including one fine mint, only 9c. Will also send several special offers on fine U. S. H. C. Parsons, (Publisher) Box 150-L, Chardon, Ohio. (32)

**FOR A SONG** and a little cash. Mint 50c Graf Zeppelins, Pl. No. block of 9 for \$20. Pl. No. block of 5 for \$15. Walter Heiby, 604 E. Armory, Champaign, Illinois.

**YOUR PLATE NUMBER WANTS** should be among the 100,000 selected blocks now in stock. Charles Demuth, 644 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. (11\*)

**FREE!** Price list, cash certificate, etc. Jack M. Conklin, Ossage, Iowa.

**MINT SET FAMOUS AMERICAN** Author plate number blocks of four, \$1.40. R. Becker, Box 427, Summit, New Jersey.

**FINE USED PRESIDENTIALS.** 11c—01; 13c—03; 14c—04; 16c—07; 17c—03; 18c—03; 19c—07; 21c—04; 22c—07; 24c—08; 25c—03; 30c—02; 50c—02; \$1—07. Average copies at one-half above prices. Postage extra. Lloyd Johnson, Hawarden, Iowa.

**SOMETHING UNUSUAL!** 72 different U.S. 10c with approvals. Album Service, Route 57-7, Sioux City, Iowa.

**FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER**—Fine complete mint 35 piece set Famous American plate blocks of four. Matlack, Box 512, Medford, Oregon.

**MINT PARKS.** \* \* A few fine sets at \$1.00 postpaid. E. Wit, 710 Nostrand, San Gabriel, Calif.

**PLATE # BLOCKS FAMOUS Americans.** All numbers, all positions. Cancelled with Bull's Eyes on First Day of issue. 280 blocks in complete collection. Truly outstanding gem for specialist. Peck, 337 Packman Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. (33)

**U.S. COLLECTORS TAKE NOTICE.** I can supply you with the finest mint and used U.S. at the lowest prices. Also possessions. Noel L. Tomlin, 421 E. 10th, Newton, Kansas.

**HIGH VALUES,** Columbian, Trans-Mississippi, Pan-American, singles and blocks. Lists free. Stephen K. Nagy, 88 South 18th Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**ADVERTISING SPACE** or Linprint Products exchanged for volumes not in our reference library of philatelic books. Linn's Weekly Stamp News, 531 N. Park St., Columbus, O. Write first: do not send material until you hear from us.

## MIXTURES

**MALAYAN MIXTURE.** At least 50 kinds—250—\$1.00; 550—\$2.00; 1,250—\$4.00. Teo-Benz-Eo (APS) 42G Jahudi Road, Penang, Straits Settlement. (42x)

**RICH U. S. MIXTURE** including some foreign, 50c a pound prepaid. Any amount. The Bengalese, Brookland, D. C. (33)

**500 LATIN AMERICAN**, over 200 varieties best value on market \$1.00. Burkhardt Stamps, Sandwich, Ill. (33)

**MIXTURES!** 1/2 lb. old United States off paper \$3.00; 1/2 lb. Foreign \$2.00; 1/2 lb. British Empire \$3.50; 1 lb. Canada \$2.00. Mixture list free. House of Stamp Mixtures, 61 Columbia Albany, N. Y. (11\*)

**REALLY GOOD MIXTURE** 20c a Hundred. Note changed address: C. Hackett, St. Augustine, Fla.

**500 MIXED FOREIGN** stamps as received. You're apt to find anything in this plus a handful of good ones we throw in and a prize set cataloging from 25c to 50c. All for 25c. N. Ennis, Arcade, N. Y. (11\*)

## POSTER STAMPS

**SET OF 3 SEALS** 5th Exhibition of Valley Forge Philatelic Society November 1940 just out. 15c set or 2 sets 25c postpaid. Jones, Box 146L, Norristown, Pennsylvania. (32)

## PRECANCELS

**PRECANCELS 100 DIFFERENT** 10c. 200 different 25c. Approvals if requested. Snaser Stamps, Sasser, Ky.

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## PUBLICATIONS

**CANADIAN STAMPS** by Hamilton, 116 pages \$1.50. Specialized stamp literature sold. Definitely state your interest. Rozmin, 3622 South Union, Chicago, Ill. (tf\*)

## RARE COINS

**FREE!** Foreign coin, banknote and large 36 page illustrated coin catalogue to approval service applicants. Send 3c postage. Tatham Coinco., Springfield, 110, Mass. (tf\*)

**WHITMAN'S BOOK-STYLE** and 11x14 coin boards. Get our prices! Coins, stamps, bought, sold. Kraus, 411 W. Juneau, Milwaukee, Wis.

## WANTED

**FAIR PRICES** paid for collections, accumulations. U. S., Foreign. Minimum shipment \$10.00. Walter Gisiger, 200 Broadway, New York. (tf\*)

**WANTED TO BUY**—United States, Br. Colonies, Airmails, General, including precancels, covers, etc. \$25.00 to \$10,000.00 spot cash. I travel to buy. Regular trips throughout the country. Ask your friends. Wilfred Betts, Elsie, Michigan. (tf\*)

**U. S. POSTAGE** 1/2c to \$1.00 value inc. 6c Air Mail, 10c Special Delivery 90c on the \$1.00. Also used Commemoratives, precancels, collections. Prompt remittance. Langer, 761 Sixth Ave., New York. (tf\*)

**UNUSED POSTAGE WANTED**—1c-3c, 95%; 4c-50c, 92%. Gardner, 30-72, 45th Street, Astoria, L. I., N. Y. (39)

## WHOLESALE

**1940 WHOLESALE CATALOGUE FREE**—Eighty pages and Monthly Supplements. Empire Stamp, Dept. 10, Toronto, Canada. (tf\*)

**DEALERS—WHOLESALE LISTS** free on request. Pearl Brothers, 476 Smith Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. (33)

**ILLUSTRATED WHOLESALE LIST** free to the trade. City Stamp Co., 1480 Broadway, New York City. (34)

**NEW 1941 WHOLESALE LIST** ready. Free to dealers writing on letterhead. Lists sets, singles, mixtures, covers, glassine. House of Farnam Inc., 505 Swetland Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

## Illinois Stamp Broadcasts

Station WDWS of Champaign, Ill. is inaugurating a philatelic broadcast for collectors of the University of Illinois and Champaign-Urbana area in general. The first program was tentatively set for 1:15 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 1st and others will be heard each Sunday at that time. Ted Kent, Past President of the Illini Philatelic Society of Lafayette, Ind. and one of the originators and conductors of the Stamp Club of the Air at Purdue, will conduct these programs. Readers of the area will no doubt be interested in this new development. Tune in at 1370 kilocycles.

• It was the post office of Camp Sacramento, not "Camp" as stated on page 821, which was discontinued on Oct. 31. The post office of Temple, discontinued Nov. 15, was located in Indiana, not West Virginia. We regret the inconvenience and disappointment this may have caused our readers.

• Canada features flat postage rates up to \$3.00 for parcels not exceeding 25 pounds for the many post offices served in the winter by "Air Stage Routes" only, due to regular transport being available only in summer.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart  
Baltimore, Ohio

## MORE OF THIS AND THAT

The Baltimore, Ohio, office pulled a fast one on me. Issued 1c Stephen Fosters to the local movie house and so far I have recovered just one. I'll have a hard time convincing the boys at the club of that though. If the local postmistress knew the rule concerning commems she wouldn't sleep for a month.—Did you ever get any of those mail order precancels from Baltimore, Md., with the legend in large letters "BALTO MD," no lines, bars, commas or periods? Odd to say the least.—Here is a new OHIO town to me. Sylvania, on 1c Presidential, U-120 type.—1c Eli Whitney from Athol, Mass., rubber integral handstamp. 30c Benton Harbor, Mich. (Presidential) U-121.—Picked up a couple postage dues from an odd place, Opportunity, Wash. Came on the 1c 1931 and 2c 1917-25, U-86 type.

## LAWRENCE BROS. CATALOG

Lawrence Bros. have issued a 1941 edition of their Presidential Catalog. It is a press printed booklet and is fairly complete on these popular issues. The pricing system is on a 50% discount basis and the prices are very conservative. As I understand it you can get a copy of this catalog free for a short time by simply sending in your name and address to Lawrence Bros., Anamosa, Iowa.

## CONDITION

As concerns the descriptions and the varying meanings as interpreted by the different auction dealers has been nicely discussed in the November BEE by Wilson P. Smith, new President of the Precancel Stamp Society. It is his opinion and I am inclined to agree with him that some sort of a system in describing the condition of material offered in the various auctions as far as the precancel fraternity is concerned should be standardized. For instance what one dealer calls fine another dealer may rightly designate as "dt" or "dc" which can hardly be called good or fine either. If the dealers who call such material fine would have used the word SOUND, meaning not torn or scuffed, etc., they would have more nearly described such material and not have the eye of suspicion pointed their way. After all though, if you are examining an auction where the very lowest grade of material is described as GOOD and the condition descriptions go from there on up to extra superb, you can just bank on it that the Good items are pretty poor. To me this is all a dead give away and no collector should get fooled but I guess there are some trusting souls who believe the word good when they read it in an auction catalog and get hooked. The idea of a standardized system of description for auction dealers is very fine but it won't work

because those dealers who are accurately describing their material will gladly adopt such a system but those dealers who want to over-rate their stuff to get high bids on junk items will never agree to doing anything of the kind so we will be right back where we started from. Nevertheless I hope the idea is carried through and with persistent effort over a period of time some good may be accomplished. The concerted effort of the buying bidders could bring this about in no time if they demanded their auction dealers to use this system. We hope they demand it.

## Highway Completion Celebrated

Raymondville, Texas will be the scene of a large celebration December 17 when the completion of the "Hug-the-Coast Highway" is observed with ceremony.



This connects Louisiana with the Mexican border as the map on the cachet shows. Collectors interested in obtaining the cachet should send their prepared covers, stamped and addressed to V. Sabin, Cachet Director, Raymondville, Texas, for the free cachet.

• In connection with conscription and National Guard training, the following branch post offices have been established: Camp Edwards Branch, Falmouth, Mass; Camp Hulen Branch, Palacios, Texas; and on Dec. 15 the Camp San Luis Obispo Branch, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

• A set of Nepal stamps believed to have been issued in 1937 and not yet recognized by any catalogue was among the unusual items in a complete collection of the little known country, exhibited recently at the Collectors Club, New York by its owner, Donald Haverbeck.

## PRECANCELS

## FOREIGN

All kinds of Precancels at low prices on approval. Breaking up my personal Foreign Collection. 3c brings nice premium to applicants of either foreign or Precancels. Name your poison.

K. M. GIERHART

Baltimore, Ohio

## THREE RING BINDER FREE!

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### You still have till December 15,

To send your order for those three sets of U. S. Specialist Album Pages as offered in the two center pages of last week's Stamp News. If you overlooked this offer, see it at once. Three new sets of Album pages, on heavy weight antique paper, beautifully printed in two and three colors on each page, especially designed for Specialist Collections of U. S. Commemorative Stamps. The three groups of pages first offered are:

**DEFENSE STAMPS**—A set of 12 pages, for singles, covers, etc.

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These pages are all 8½x11 inch size, punched to fit the standard size three ring binder. Pages are all printed in two or three colors, especially designed for the mounting of a specialized collection of these popular Commemoratives. Heavy Black Bordered Mat effect spaces are printed on the pages for your singles and blocks, specially designed pages for covers and special pages for other pieces you may care to add, such as Plate Numbers, Cancellation varieties, etc., etc. Pages are of a fine heavy weight antique album stock, much finer than any pages we have previously offered. Our offering of these pages is a test offer to see how many collectors will be interested in these high quality pages for the purpose of building real collections of the various Commemorative stamps. If the offering proves successful, we are prepared to issue similar groups of pages for all Commemorative Stamps and we will be prepared to sell you as little as one additional page to match any of the groups we prepare, thus giving you a real opportunity to have a very fine high class printed album for your favorite stamps.

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Yes, with every order for this first three sets of pages which will retail at 50c for the Defense Stamps and at 25c for each of the other two groups, \$1.00 in all, plus postage, we are going to give you FREE OF COST a three ring binder to hold these pages. You who bought the original offering of Famous American Pages know what a fine binder was supplied with those pages. You get the same kind of binder, free with this group of pages. All you need do is pay \$1.00 for this introductory set and we give you the ring binder free.

Send \$1.00 plus postage for 2 lbs. Your order must be postmarked before December 15th or the binder will cost 50 cents extra.

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